



**PATENT APPLICATION**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : Bruno BORSOI et al. )  
 ) Group Art Unit 3728  
Appln. No. : 09/973,035 )  
 ) Examiner Anthony D. Stashick  
Filed : October 10, 2001 )  
 ) Confirmation No. 5050  
For : INNER TIGHTENING MECHANISM )  
FOR FOOTWEAR )  
Docket No. : P21548 )  
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**SUBMISSION UNDER 37 CFR §1.114(c) AND  
REPLY TO THE OFFICE ACTION OF MAY 20, 2003**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the Office action dated May 20, 2003, and following an interview with Examiner Stashick on July 22, 2003, please enter the following amendment. Concurrently herewith, Applicants are also filing a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR §1.114.

Upon entry of the amendment, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

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